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MINUTES
OF THE 9 NOVEMBER 1981
MEETING OF THE FINE ARTS COMMISSION

1. The meeting was called to order at 1100 hours in room 7D32 Headquarters. Present were:

Members: Bruce T. Johnson, Chairman

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Consultant:

Representatives:

1. The minutes of the 5 October 1981 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Old Business

a. Mr. Johnson reported that, due to charter limitations, the National Museum of American Art (NMAA) will be unable to lend us any exhibits for Agency display. The charter states all exhibits must be open to the general public. Several years ago, the State Department encountered the same problem. Mr. Johnson plans to seek an opportunity to discuss such loans with private institutions like the Corcoran Gallery.

b. [] of the Employee Activity Association joined the meeting to discuss the ground rules for the upcoming EAA photographic exhibit. He proposed and the FAC agreed to the following:

Judging: No formal judging. Let the display of the picture be its own form of reward.

Size: Minimum size--5'x7'; no maximum size.

Number of Entries: In cases of multiple entries by one person, [] will decide on how many pictures will be exhibited.

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Exclusions: Photographs that have been entered in previous exhibits will be excluded.

Format: Elaborate frames will be discouraged, not only because they detract from the exhibit but because there is no way to ensure that the frames will not be damaged.

These rules will be published in an Employee Bulletin.

25X1 The exhibit has been tentatively scheduled for the March/April time frame; [] will be advised of the confirmed dates when known. [] requested that the exhibit last at least four weeks.

25X1 c. [] reported on the estimates she has received for printing the pictures for the Trekking Through Kashmir exhibit: \$600 for 62 prints 14'x 21' (this a conservative estimate, it could be as high as \$750), and \$125 for 10 prints 20' x 24'. The show could be mounted for less than \$1000, and would be done without artifacts or slides. The FAC agreed that the show should be scheduled for January.

3. New Business

a. A memo from the DDEEO was received requesting that the exhibit hall be reserved for February for a display commemorating Black Heritage month. Black employees will be encouraged to submit art for this showing. The FAC concurred.

b. The American Lung Association Smoke Risk exhibit will take place next week in J Corridor.

25X1 c. Everyone is enjoying the Art exhibit, which is bigger than last year's. Credit is due to the Art Committee and its Chairman, []

d. [] went to see the James Reber photographic exhibit at the American University. This same exhibit, on Mexican subjects, was held at the Agency about seven years ago. The pictures are now in storage and could be used again if needed to fill the exhibit calendar.

25X1 e. Mr. Johnson inquired about the Reber pictures that were once displayed in 1A Corridor. Some have been sent to recruitment offices and the rest are in storage, according to Ms. []

25X1 f. [] has received a request from an office, which just recently moved from Ames to Headquarters, to display four, three-dimensional maps, constructed by OSS, in the second floor hallway, G Corridor. The commission took the position that displays in office corridors should not be permitted, so as to prevent development of a cluttered appearance in the corridors.

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25X1 It was suggested that the maps should be exhibited in a general-purpose area and [] was asked to see if the custodians would release the maps. If they agree, he will approach the Library about the possible display of the maps in the Library.

25X1 g. [] reported that because of an employee suggestion, 2000 "This Desk Secured" signs have been printed by OS, but the Supply Room has refused to stock them until the Fine Arts Commission has given its approval. The committee decided these signs would serve no useful purpose. Mr. Johnson will talk to the Director of Security.

25X1 h. [] reported that a building [] has a new treatment to brighten up narrow corridors. [] has agreed to take a look at this building to see if this treatment can be used to brighten up LH Corridor. 25X1

25X1 i. [] reported that each year the EAA and Receptionist request assistance for internal and external Christmas decorating. [] offered to ask a group of designers in his office if they would like to organize this activity. 25X1

j. Mr. Johnson reported that the Security Records Division will be asking for help in the decoration of their office, room [] The decoration problem had been expected to be resolved by their move to [] but the move has been cancelled. 25X1 25X1

k. Mr. Johnson reported that he had met with Mr. Donald W. Thalacker who heads the Art-in-Architecture Program at GSA. Mr. Johnson explained the Art-in-Architecture Program and suggested that the open space in front of the building could be enhanced by an appropriate modern sculpture. Mr. Johnson requested comments from the FAC and also mentioned that even if we get on GSA's waiting list, it might be years before funds for a commissioned sculpture would be available. It was reported that the idea of a sculpture in the open space had been pursued before, but was dropped because the open area is used as a backup heliport. Mention was also made of Security concerns that landscaping could complicate the task of effectively guarding the area in front of the building. It was decided to continue this dialogue to see where it leads to.

l. Mr. Johnson has arranged an appointment with Mr. Vincent Melzac for 10 November to view a sculpture which Mr. Melzac is prepared to loan to us for display. [] 25X1

25X1 m. Mr. Johnson has requested that committee chairmen bring lists of names of people who are currently on their committees for the discussion at next month's meeting about the roles and organization of FAC committees.

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n. Mr. Johnson expressed his appreciation to [redacted] for his promptness in fixing the lettering on the FAC sign in the 1D Corridor exhibit hall.

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o. Mr. Johnson also reported on the response from the Office of Logistics on the landscaping suggestions submitted by [redacted]. Many of the suggestions have been acted upon and the FAC has been invited to suggest locations for additional azalea plantings.

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p. Finally, the FAC has been asked to consider a request to permit OTE to hang a language mobile over the loft in the large cafeteria. The FAC rejected the request.

4. The next FAC meeting will be on 14 December at 1100 hours in room 7D32.

5. Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 1205 hours.

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Bruce T. Johnson

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